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HISTORY/POLITICAL SCIENCE 40301: AMERICAN DIPLOMACY
CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU
SPRING SEMESTER 2000

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Course Content: According to the Chaminade University General Catalog description, History/Political Science 403 is a study of America's international relations from 1776 to the present, including the influence of domestic affairs on diplomacy.

Pre-requisites: Any 100 or 200 level History Course or Political Science Course.

Text: LaFeber, The American Age: U.S. Foreign Policy at Home and Abroad: 1750 to the Present
Second Edition

Class Format: A mix of lectures, discussions, examinations and writing assignments with the aid of visual sources whenever possible. Students must attend classes regularly and read all assigned texts. Since this class is cross-listed as a History class as well as a Political Science class it is important that students attend classes regularly since we have to approach the subject chronologically as historians as well as a structural and decision-approach which is the focus of Political Scientists. If you are a history major you may not be familiar with the Political Science approach just as Political Science majors might not be accustomed to the Historians view and methodology towards U.S. foreign policy. Hopefully, by the end of the semester you will see U.S. foreign policy through the perspective of a historian as well as a social scientist.

Grading: Students in History/Political Science 403 will be graded on a point system. Points will be awarded as follows:

Two Examinations	130 Points Each (260 Points Total)
1 Book Review	100 Points
1 Movie Review	40 Points

A TOTAL OF 400 POINTS ARE POSSIBLE.

Point Scale: A = 400-360 Points
B = 359-320 Points
C = 319-280 Points
D = 279-240 Points
F = 239-000 Points

Description of Assignments

Examinations: There will be two exams in this class. Each exam will be 130 Points a piece. The exams will be divided into three parts. Part One will be a Matching section worth 30 points. There will be 15 words chosen at random from the lectures and textbook. There will also be 15 short phrases and sentences. You are to match the phrase or sentence to the word that it best describes. Each answer will be worth 2 points for a total of 30 points.

Part Two will be a short Identification section worth 50 points. You will find 8 words chosen at random from all the lectures prior to the exam. You will pick FIVE to answer by writing a short identification. In a short ID you would include such information as who or what, where, roughly when, historical description, and historical significance for each term selected. Each answer will be worth up to 10 point for a total of 50 points.

Part Three will be an essay question worth 50 points. There will be two questions in this section. You are to pick ONE question to answer. Questions will be given ahead of time in a study guide.

The first exam covers the first half of the class. The second exam covers all materials after the Mid-term or first exam. It will not be cumulative.

Book Review: All students will be asked to write a College-level book review worth 100 points. Students will be required to select a book on foreign policy and write a review of 4 to 5 type-written pages. Books must be pre-approved by the instructor.

Movie Review: Students will be required to watch one movie which deals with American foreign policy and write a short typed review of the movie. It will be worth 40 points.

In this assignment you will review a movie with an emphasis on how realistic it is based on your knowledge of American foreign policy.

Suggested movies include:

Seven Days in May

Wag the Dog

The Missiles of October

JFK

Nixon

Failsafe

You may suggest other movies. The instructor has other suggestions.

Just ask.

History/Political Science 40301 Schedule and reading list

Jan. 19 Introduction
Jan. 26 The United States Constitution and Foreign Policy
LaFeber Chapter 1
Feb. 2 The New Nation: Washington and the foundations of
U.S. Foreign Policy
LaFeber Chapter 2
Feb. 9 Shaping U.S. Foreign Policy in the Early 19th
Century
LaFeber Chapter 3,4
Feb. 16 Manifest Destiny and War with Mexico
Feb. 23 Americans in the Pacific and Asia
Mar. 1 The Civil War and its aftermath
LaFeber Chapter 5,6
Mar. 8 MID-TERM EXAMINATION
Mar. 15 Empire-Building and World Power Status
LaFeber Chapter 7,8
Mar. 22 From Wilson to FDR: Internationalism or Isolationism?
LaFeber Chapter 10, 11, 12
Mar. 29 SPRING BREAK
Apr. 5 World War II and its Aftermath
LaFeber Chapter 13
Apr. 12 The Cold War
LaFeber Chapter 14,15
Apr. 19 The Cold War II
LaFeber Chapter 16,17
Apr. 19 The Post-Vietnam Era
LaFeber Chapter 18, 19
BOOK REVIEW DUE
Apr. 26 U.S. Foreign Policy in our time
LaFeber Chapter 20
MOVIE REVIEW DUE
May 3 SECOND OR FINAL EXAM